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SUBJECT: WOMEN TERRORISTS ESCAPE FROM BERLIN JAIL-- GDR PROTEST

REFS: A) USBERLIN 1415, B) USBERLIN 1399

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF TELEX FROM GDR
TRANSPORT MINISTRY TO SENATOR FOR JUSTICE PROTESTING
BERLIN POLICE MEASURES CARRIED OUT ON REICHSBAHN
PROPERTY AND WEST BERLIN WATERWAYS IN CONNECTION
WITH SEARCH FOR ESCAPED PRISONERS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR SENATOR:

REICHSBAHN PORPERTY WAS ILLEGALLY ENTERED BY WEST
BERLIN POLICE JULY 7 AND CONTROL MEASURES WERE CARRIED
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OUT ON DEUTSCHE REICHSBAHN TRAINS. AT THE SAME TIME

TWO GDR BARGES WERE STOPPED IN THE AREA OF WEST
BERLIN-KLADOW AND SHIPS' PAPERS AND PERSONAL DOCUMENTS
WERE CONTROLLED. THIS IS A GROSS VIOLATION OF THE
EXISTING RIGHTS AND COMPETENCES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE DEUTSCHE REICHSBAHN AND THE WATERWAYS OF
BERLIN(WEST). THE SENAT OF BERLIN(WEST) BEARS
FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE RESULTING CONSEQUENCES.
I AM AUTHORIZED TO PROTEST AGAINST THESE ILLEGAL
INCURSIONS OF THE BERLIN (WEST) POLICE. I DEMAND
THAT CARE BE TAKEN THAT SUCH MEASURES, WHICH CAN ONLY
DISTURB THE DIFFICULTY-FREE FLOW OF TRAIN AND SHIP
TRAFFICE FROM, TO AND WITHIN BERLIN(WEST), BE IMMEDIATELY
ENDED. END TEXT.

2. AS NOTED, REFTTEL A, GDR ALSO TOOK OCCASION OF
COINCIDENTAL MEETINGS OF GDR-SENAT VISITS COMMISSIONERS
JULY 8 TO MAKE SIMILAR PORTEST ORALLY.

3. SENAT DOES NOT PLAN TO ANSWER PROTEST WHICH IS
SIMILAR TO OTHERS MADE BY GDR WHEN POLICE HAVE BEEN
AUTHORIZED BY ALLIES TO CARRY OUT SUCH MEASURES
INCLUDING DURING SEARCH FOR LORENZ KIDNAPPERS IN
MARCH 1975. ALLIES ARE TENTATIVELY OF MIND, HOWEVER,
TO UTILIZE CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER(UK) CHANNEL
WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO ADVISE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT
ALLIES HAVE AUTHORIZED POLICE ACTION PURSUANT TO OUR
SUPREME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN WESTERN SECTORS.
GEORGE

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